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Office of the Secretary of State
March Fong Eu

1230 J Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Elections Division
(916) 445-0820

April 28, 1980

TO: ALL REGISTRARS OF VOTERS/COUNTY CLERKS
FROM: CASHMERE M. APPERSON, ELECTIONS TECHNICIAN

Pursuant to Elections Code 3520(b) you are hereby notified that the total number of signatures to the hereinafter named proposed Initiative Constitutional Amendment filed with all county clerks is less than 100 percent of the number of qualified voters required to find the petition sufficient.

TITLE: RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND PRAYERS

SUMMARY DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 1979

PROPONENTS: HOWARD G. SAMPSON, FLOYD G. SAMPSON
AND ERNEST DE GROFF.

The petition has failed and no further action is necessary.

F. G. SAMPSON

April 28, 1980

TO: MARCH FONG EU
Secretary of State
Elections Divisions
1230 J Street
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND PRAYERS INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT

Dear Cashie Apperson,

The Committee For Voluntary Prayers In Public Schools has failed in its attempt to place an initiative to allow voluntary prayer in public schools on the November general election ballot.

Nearly 20,000 petition signatures has been collected by the deadline, far short of the more than 550,000 signatures needed to put the proposed constitutional amendment before the voters.

This letter is also to inform you that the signatures that had been collected will not be filed.

Sincerely,



Floyd G. Sampson, Chairman and Proponent



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November 21, 1979

TO ALL COUNTY CLERKS/ REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Pursuant to Section 3513 of the Elections Code, there is transmitted herewith a copy of the Title and Summary prepared by the Attorney General on a proposed Initiative Measure entitled:

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND PRAYERS
INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Circulating and Filing Schedule

1. Minimum number of signatures required 553,790
Constitution II, 8(b).
2. Official Summary Date Wednesday, 11/21/79
Elections Code Section 3513.
3. Petition Sections:
 - a. First day Proponent can circulate
Sections for signatures Wednesday, 11/21/79
Elections Code Section 3513.
 - b. Last day Proponent can circulate and
file with the county. All Sections are
to be filed at the same time within
each county Monday, 4/21/80*+
Elections Code Sections 3513, 3520(a).
 - c. Last day for county to determine total
number of signatures affixed to petition
and to transmit total to the Secretary
of State Monday, 4/28/80

(If the Proponent files the petition with the county on a date prior to 4/21/80, the county has 5 working days from the filing of the petition to determine the total number of signatures affixed to the petition and to transmit this total to the Secretary of State).
Elections Code Section 3520(b).

* Date adjusted for official deadline which falls on Saturday.
Elections Code Section 60.

+ NOTE TO PROPONENT(S): The law requires that the process for verifying petition signatures must be completed 131 days before the election in which the people will vote on any initiative. January 24, 1980 is the deadline that an initiative must be declared sufficient for the June 3, 1980 Primary Election.

- d. Last day for county to determine number of qualified electors who have signed the petition, and to transmit certificate, with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State..... Tuesday, 5/13/80

(If the Secretary of State notifies the counties to determine the number of qualified electors who signed the petition on a date prior to 4/28/80, the last day is not later than the fifteenth day after the notification). Elections Code Section 3520(d), (e).

- e. If the signature count is between 498,411 and 609,169 then the Secretary of State notifies counties using the random sampling technique to determine validity of all signatures.

Last day for county to determine actual number of all qualified electors who signed the petition, and to transmit certificate, with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State Thursday, 6/12/80

(If the Secretary of State notifies the counties to determine the number of qualified electors who have signed the petition on a date prior to 5/13/80, the last day is not later than the thirtieth day after the notification). Elections Code Section 3521(b), (c).

4. Campaign Statements:

Last day for Proponent to file a Campaign Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for period ending 5/20/80 Tuesday, 5/27/80*

(If the Secretary of State finds that the measure has either qualified or failed to qualify on a date earlier than 4/21/80, the last date to file is the 35th calendar day after the date of notification by the Secretary of State that the measure has either qualified or failed to qualify. The closing date for this campaign statement is 7 days prior to the filing deadline). Government Code Section 84204

* Date adjusted for official deadline which falls on Saturday. Elections Code Section 60.

5. The proponents of the above named measure are:

Howard G. Sampson
1196 Liberty Road
Petaluma, CA 94952

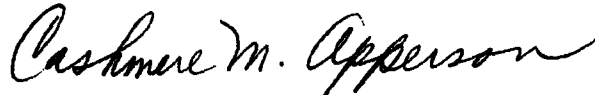
Floyd G. Sampson
1192 Liberty Road
Petaluma, CA 94952

Ernest De Groff
1190 Liberty Road
Petaluma, CA 94952

(707) 762-4620

Sincerely,

WILLIAM N. DURLEY
Assistant to the Secretary of State
Elections and Political Reform



CASHMERE M. APPERSON
Elections Technician

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NOTE TO PROPONENT(S): Your attention is directed to Elections Code Sections 41, 44, 3501, 3507, 3508, 3516, 3517, and 3519 for appropriate format and type considerations in printing, typing, and otherwise preparing your initiative petition for circulation and signatures. Your attention is further directed to the campaign disclosure and petition circulating requirements of the Political Reform Act of 1974, Government Code Section 81000 et seq.

October 15, 1979

HOWARD G. SAMPSON;
ERNEST M. DeGROFF; and
FLOYD G. SAMPSON
1196 Liberty Road
Petaluma, California 94952
Telephone: (707) 762-4620

TO: GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN, ATTORNEY GENERAL,

WE, the undersigned, submitted a draft of the proposed Constitutional Amendment to the Attorney General of the State of California on October 10, 1979.

Enclosed, is a new draft of the proposed initiative as requested by the Attorney General's office on October 15, 1979.

The wording, "ARTICLE XXI" was added to the new draft, and (a) through (f), inclusive of the original draft has been changed to SECTION 1 through 6, inclusive in the new draft.

In the original draft, ' (d) ' stated, " Nothing in this amendment shall constitute an establishment of religion." The word " amendment" was changed to the word, "Article", and the words, "be deemed to" were added to strengthen the original meaning, without changing it. The wording in the new draft reads, "SEC. 4. Nothing in this Article shall be deemed to constitute an establishment of religion."

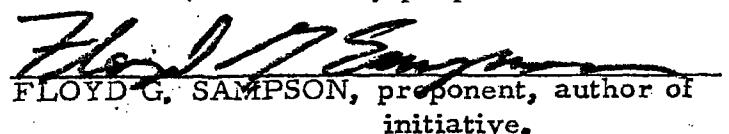
Also, in ' (e) ' of the original draft, the word "amendment", was changed to the word, "Article" in the new draft.

If you have any further requests, or comments, or questions, please call.

Thank You.


HOWARD G. SAMPSON, proponent


ERNEST M. DeGROFF, proponent


FLOYD G. SAMPSON, proponent, author of
initiative.



State of California
Department of Justice
George Deukmejian
(PRONOUNCED DUKE-MAY-GIN)
Attorney General

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November 21, 1979

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In the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

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MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State

By *Cashmere M. Apperson*

Honorable March Fong Eu
Secretary of State
1230 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: Rico Nannini

Re: Initiative Constitutional Amendment -
Religious Beliefs and Prayers
Our File No. 00002115-SA79RF0102

Dear Mrs. Eu:

Pursuant to the provisions of sections 3503 and 3513 of the Elections Code, you are hereby informed that on this day we mailed to Howard G. Sampson, Floyd G. Sampson, and Ernest DeGroff, as proponents, the following title and summary:

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND PRAYERS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Adds Article 21 to provide that California Constitution shall not prohibit any person in any governmental or public school, institution or place of the State of California from the following: (1) possessing Religious Books or Books under God; (2) making reference to belief in, reliance upon or invoking the aid of God; (3) offering, reading from or listening to prayers or Biblical Scriptures if participation therein is on a voluntary basis. Article not deemed to constitute an establishment of religion. Article supersedes all laws in conflict therewith and repeals all laws inconsistent therewith. Financial impact: None.

Enclosed herewith is a declaration of mailing thereof, and a copy of the proposed measure.

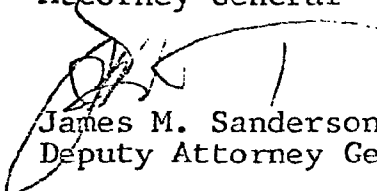
Honorable March Fong Eu

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According to information available in our records the addresses and phone number of the proponents of this measure are as stated in the declaration of mailing.

Very truly yours,

George Deukmejian
Attorney General



James M. Sanderson
Deputy Attorney General

JMS:glb
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DRAFT OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
AND REQUEST FOR TITLE AND SUMMARY

THE DRAFT of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of California reads as follows:

ARTICLE XXI

SECTION 1. Nothing in this constitution shall be deemed to prohibit any person from possessing any Religious Book or Books under God, in any governmental or public school, institution or place of the State of California.

SEC. 2. Nothing in this constitution shall be deemed to prohibit any person from making reference to belief in, reliance upon, or invoking the aid of God, in any governmental or public school, institution or place of the State of California.

SEC. 3. Nothing in this constitution shall be deemed to prohibit any person from offering, reading from, or listening to prayers or Biblical Scriptures, if participation therein is on a voluntary basis, in any governmental or public school, institution or place of the State of California.

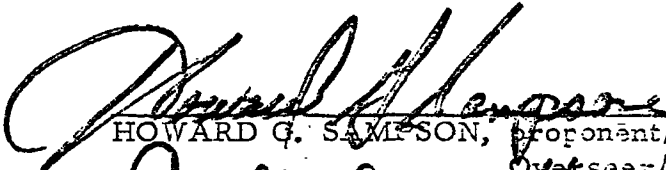
SEC. 4. Nothing in this Article shall be deemed to constitute an establishment of religion.

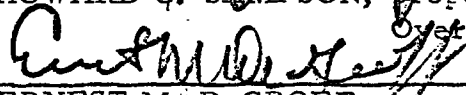
SEC. 5. This Article shall supersede all laws in conflict therewith.


SEC. 6. All laws inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

WE, the undersigned, are registered, qualified voters of the State of California, residents of the County of Sonoma, in the City of Petaluma, proponents of the above proposed initiative, and, WE HEREBY REQUEST the Attorney General of the State of California to prepare a title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure pursuant to Section 3503 of the California Elections Code.

DATED: October 15, 1979


HOWARD G. SAMPSON, proponent/ General
Overseer/ minister


ERNEST M. DeGROFF, proponent/ minister


FLOY G. SAMPSON, proponent/ author of
initiative/ minister

DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY MAIL

I, Gale Baker, declare as follows: I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action; my place of employment and business address is 555 Capitol Mall, Suite 350, Sacramento, California 95814.

On November 21, 1979, I served the attached letter addressed to Honorable March Fong Eu, Secretary of State, dated November 21, 1979, re: Initiative Constitutional Amendment - Religious Beliefs and Prayers (our file No. 00002115-SA79RF0102), by placing a true copy thereof in an envelope addressed to each of the persons named below at the address set out immediately below each respective name, and by sealing and depositing said envelope in the United States Mail at Sacramento, California, with postage thereon fully prepaid. There is delivery service by United States Mail at each of the places so addressed, or there is regular communication by mail between the place of mailing and each of the places so addressed:

Howard G. Sampson
1196 Liberty Rd.
Petaluma, CA 94952 (Phone No. 707/762-4620)

Floyd G. Sampson
1192 Liberty Rd.
Petaluma, CA 94952

Ernest DeGroff
1190 Liberty Rd.
Petaluma, CA 94952

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on November 21, 1979, at Sacramento, California.

Gale Baker
Declarant